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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1615**

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UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Channavajjala, L. S. Art Unit: 1615
Re: Application of: Choe, *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/078,730
Filed: February 19, 2002
For: **TERMINALLY-BRANCHED POLYMERIC
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April 12, 2006

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 17 of this paper.

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